



Points of Dispensing (POD) Fact Sheet



What is a Point of Dispensing (POD) site?



A POD is a mass dispensing site that provides medications (prophylaxis) or vaccinations to protect the general population from biological threats or epidemics.

- PODs may also be activated in some natural disasters.

What does a POD involve?

A POD involves the following activities:

- Setup and execution of a dispensing operation to serve populations before they become symptomatic.
- Coordinate personnel to staff the dispensing operations.
- Train and organize staff to perform dispensing site functions.
- Provide public information about the community efforts to protect themselves from the threat.



POD GOALS



- Decrease the number of individuals who may get ill.
- Provide information to the public about the threat and the treatment (antibiotic or vaccine) being dispensed.
- Provide medication to exposed populations within a given time period. (The population and time frame are often event specific).

